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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF IDAILO

POCATELLO DENTAL GROUP, P.C., an Idaho Professional Corporation

Plaintiff,

 \mathbf{v} .

INTERDENT SERVICE CORPORATION, a Washington Corporation

Defendant.

Case No.: CV-03-450-E-LMB

INTERDENT SERVICE CORPORATION'S MOTION AND MEMORANDUM TO CONDUCT EXPEDITED DEPOSITIONS

InterDent Services Corporation ("ISC") requests that this Court allow the parties to conduct expedited discovery prior to complying with FRCP 26(d). See *Stanley v. University of So. California*, 13 F.3d 1313, 1326 (9th Cir. 1994). This Motion is made based on this Memorandum, Affidavit of Erik F. Stidham, filed concurrently herewith, and pleadings previously filed by the parties to this lawsuit.

The Complaint, Memorandum, and supporting affidavits filed by Plaintiffs make serious allegations against ISC. (See Affidavit of Erik F. Stidham ("Stidham Aff.") filed concurrently herewith at ¶ 2.) Also, the Complaint, Memorandum and affidavits filed by Plaintiffs raise

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issues regarding the motives and credibility of the witnesses. Plaintiffs did not provide ISC notice prior to obtaining the temporary restraining order that is currently in place. Accordingly, ISC should be allowed to conduct discovery in aid of its defense.

ISC has been in contact with plaintiffs counsel regarding discovery issues. (Stidham Aff. at ¶ 3.) While plaintiffs counsel has made some efforts to make individual witnesses available, there are issues which have prevented the depositions from going forward. (*Id.* at ¶ 4.) For example, Dr. Baker and Dr. Dean, two of the individuals who signed affidavits on behalf of plaintiffs, are demanding that they be compensated \$1,600.00 per hour respectively for their depositions. (*Id.*) Likewise, Dr. Romriell contends that he must be paid an hourly rate for his deposition time. (*Id.* at ¶ 5.) Dr. Romriell's counsel will only agree to an expedited deposition of Dr. Romriell based on certain conditions. (*Id.*)

Accordingly, InterDent asks that the Court allow expedited discovery occur so that InterDent is allowed to subpoena witness and conduct all other appropriate discovery on an expedited basis.

DATED this 4^{1/L} day of November, 2003. STOEL RIVES LLP

By: Erik F. Stidham Attorney for Defendant

InterDent Service Corporation

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing InterDent Service Corporation's Motion to Conduct Expedited Depositions on the following named person(s) on the date indicated below by mailing with postage prepaid ☐ hand delivery facsimile transmission ☐ overnight delivery to said person(s) a true copy thereof, contained in a sealed envelope, addressed to said person(s) at his or her last-known address(es) indicated below. Gary L. Cooper Ron Kerl James P. Price COOPER & LARSEN 151 N. 3rd Avenue, Stc. 210 PO Box 4229 Pocatello, ID 83205-4229 Phone: (208) 235-1145 Fax: (208) 235-1182 Lowell N. Hawkes Law Office of Lowell N. Hawkes, Chtd. 1322 East Center Pocatello, ID 83201 Phone: (208) 235-1600 Fax: (208) 235-4200 DATED: this ________ day of November, 2003.

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